Assessment of telecom equipments

2119. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether telecom equipment requirement for 2010 has been assessed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner the demand would be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telecom equipment requirement up to 2010 is expected to be about US$ 35 billion.

(c) As per the present assessment about 75% of the demand will be met by indigenous manufacturers and the rest will be met through imports.

Opening of new post offices in Rajasthan

2120. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices functioning in Rajasthan, as on date;

(b) the number of requests pending with Government for opening of new post offices in various parts of Rajasthan, till date;

(c) the procedure adopted for opening a new post office after receipt of a request and how much time does it ordinarily take in its processing;-

(d) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened during the current year in the State;

(e) the reasons for not opening the new post offices requested for; and

(f) by when they would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There are 10408 Post Offices functioning in Rajasthan as on date.